

ORDINANCE NO. 14704

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 34 - 2009

APRIL 15, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2009 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of a One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Forty-Six (\$143,046) Dollars to provide for a Federal Grant from the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighter's Grant for the purchase of Fire portable radios.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase of One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Forty-Six (\$143,046) Dollars to the Capital Fund.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

Fire Radios:		
001-05-1691-0911-72	Equipment	\$ 143,046

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 7th day of May, 2009.



CITY CLERK

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Fire Department

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

The Fire Department has been awarded a partial grant through the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters' Grant for a total of \$143,046. The grant funding is designated for portable radios. The total cost of the purchase for the portable radios will be \$320,772 (\$177,726 will be the City's match for this grant plus additional costs)

Purpose

- What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish

This Bill will allow the Fire Department to purchase new portable radios with the latest technologies, enhanced communication ability and Firefighter friendly improvements.

This Bill will reduce the chance of Firefighter injury or death as a result of poor communications.

This Bill will enhance the communications, efficiency and services provided by the Allentown Fire Department will result in life safety to the citizens of Allentown.

- What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this
This benefits the Fire Department by allowing us to replace old obsolete radios, reduce the chance of injury or death as a result of poor communications. We see no down-side to this Bill.
- How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities
This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission to provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

- Financial Impact

- Cost (Initial and ongoing)
100 new portable radios complete with batteries charging units and Lapel Mics = \$316,772.00
Spare batteries \$4,000.00
Total= \$320,772.00
- Benefits (initial and ongoing)
The new portable radios are designed to be upgraded in lieu of replacement, therefore, we should see 10 to 15 years of service from the new style portable radio.

- Funding Sources Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around.

Department of Homeland security Grant \$143,046.00

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

High priority, needed ASAP

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Our current portable radios are obsolete and can no longer be repaired and provide inadequate communications. Communications is the most vital element in any emergency situation, failure to have functional, proper and adequate communications may result in injury or death to our first responders and civilians.